

ZION LUTHERAN CEMETERY

RULES AND ORDINANCES AS OF 2015

Lots shall be used for burial purposes only.

1. Only members of Zion Lutheran Church, Hinsdale, Illinois, may purchase a grave site, unless approved by a majority of the Cemetery Board.
2. Grave sites shall be used for burial of human remains only.
3. Surviving family members or relatives who do not desire to use one or more grave sites may donate the sites back to the cemetery and receive a letter stating that they contributed the current value of the graves to the cemetery.
4. Disinterment shall not be permitted without special permission of the Cemetery Board.
5. Enclosures of burial sites shall not be permitted.
6. Owners of sections or single grave sites may plant flowers around the grave stone or in line of other grave stones in the absence of a grave stone. This will allow the caretaker to maintain the cemetery in an efficient manner.
7. Trees, shrubs or mementoes may not be placed or removed without the permission of the Cemetery Board.
8. The owner of a grave site has the right to place a proper monument, however, above ground vaults or mausoleums are not permitted.
9. All headstones must have a foundation level with the ground and at highest point and approved by the Cemetery Board and no higher than eight feet tall. The foundation must be at least two (2) inches wider and longer than the base of the headstone.
10. If trees or shrubs become unsightly or a nuisance, the Cemetery Board shall have the right to remove them.
11. Since Zion Cemetery is a Christian cemetery, nothing in bad taste or anti-Christian will be allowed in the cemetery. If in doubt of what is appropriate, get approval from the Cemetery Board before ordering. Those kinds of items will be removed.
12. Cremations: Four (4) cremation burials are allowed on one empty grave site. Two (2) cremations are permitted with a burial of a body. Only one marker will be allowed on a grave unless it can be fitted in line with other markers and still be on the grave site, or between two grave markers on adjacent graves owned by the same person. No marker will be allowed to encroach on another family's grave site. All inurnments will be placed and recorded by the Cemetery Board.
13. Zion Cemetery is a Christian cemetery thus visitors are reminded that one should act accordingly.
14. All grave decorations should be removed as follows: Christmas decorations by April 1st. Summer decorations by October 1st.
15. Visitors are admitted any time of the day.
16. It is prohibited to pick flowers or damage property, trees, or shrubs.
17. For maintenance purposes, all burials of bodies except those of a small child in a cherub must be encased in a vault.